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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: THE PLANNING AND STEERING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ref: (a) The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463
(1972)
(b) 41 C.F.R. Part 102-3
(c) SECNAVINST 5420.60H
(d) 41 U.S.C. Section 423
(e) 48 C.F.R. Part 3

1. Purpose. To reissue policy for the Planning and Steering Advisory Committee (PSAC) as a Department of the Navy Federal Advisory Committee.

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 5420.189A.

3. Authority. The PSAC is a Federal Advisory Committee established in 1990 and subject to the provisions of references (a) and (b). The renewed charter for PSAC was approved on 9 October 2002.

4. Mission. The objective of the PSAC is to provide an avenue of communication by which a distinguished group representing scientific, academic, engineering, and intelligence communities may advise the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) on questions related to Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN) security. Their mission is to make in-depth technical assessments of U.S. and foreign Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW) developments and related technologies, to critically review programs which potentially impact SSBN survivability, and to evaluate intelligence efforts to identify and define ASW and SSBN survivability threats.

5. Membership. The PSAC consists of government and up to 12 non-Federal government members nominated and appointed in accordance with Department of the Navy Committee Management guidelines as prescribed in references (a), (b), and (c). The members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, after

approval by the Office of Secretary of Defense, for a period not to exceed 4 years. Terms will be staggered to provide for rotation of members while maintaining adequate continuity of membership. Committee members may serve for no more than 4 years, unless they are reappointed by the Secretary of the Navy for additional periods of service. In pursuing its objectives, the PSAC may operate in panels or subcommittees composed of selected members to conduct detailed examinations of matters related to ASW and SSBN security.

6. Chairperson. The Chairperson of the PSAC will be selected by the Head, Science and Technology Branch (CNO (N775)) from the PSAC membership. In the absence or unavailability of the Chair, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) shall select a member to act in his/her behalf. Chairs of PSAC panels or subcommittees will be appointed by the PSAC Chair from the membership.

7. Sponsor. The sponsor of the PSAC is the Secretary of the Navy.

8. Designated Federal Officer. The Head, Science and Technology Branch (CNO (N775)) is the Designated Federal Officer for the oversight of PSAC and shall provide the necessary financial and administrative support for the effective operation of PSAC.

9. Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary of the PSAC will be the Security Requirements Officer (CNO (N775C2)) acting for the Director, Submarine Warfare Division (CNO (N77)).

10. Meetings. The PSAC will meet at such times as specified by the Chair or as directed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Warfare Requirements and Programs) (N6/N7). A simple majority will constitute a quorum for conduct of business of the Committee. Panels or subcommittees of the PSAC will meet at such times as specified by the Chair.

11. Recommendations. Recommendations are provided to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Warfare Requirements and Programs) (N6/N7) by letter from the Chair of the PSAC, or through minutes of meetings. When PSAC makes a recommendation for action required to ensure SSBN survivability in the near future, the report will be sent to CNO for his approval. Recommendations of any panels or subcommittees will be provided

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to the Chair of the PSAC. PSAC functions are solely advisory in nature; it is not empowered to make policy or management decisions. Members will not be participating personally or substantially in the conduct of any specific procurement. The activities of the PSAC will not place any member in the position of acting as a "procurement official" as defined in references (d) and (e).

12. Action. The Head, Science and Technology Branch (CNO (N775)) will provide information and access to facilities as required for the PSAC's work and will provide staff as required to support the PSAC.

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